

MHJA REGULAR MEMBER Show Eligibility:

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The following requirements apply:

POINTS:

For points to count towards Annual MHJA Championship :

1. Equitation Divisions: A minimum of 3 competitors must be judged in order to have points awarded. EXCEPTION: Beginner Junior Equitation & Beginner Adult Equitation where ½ points are awarded if there are less than 3 competitors in the class.
2. Hunter Divisions: A minimum of 3 competitors in the division must be judged in order to have points awarded. Points are awarded according to the number of horses judged in the first Hunter Over Fences class in that division at the show, even if there are less horses competing in this division during the remaining days of the show. Exception: Beginner Junior Hunter & Beginner Adult Hunter where ½ points are awarded if there are less than 3 competitors in the class.
3. Medal Classes: A minimum of 4 competitors must complete the course in order to qualify the winner for the Medal Finals. EXCEPTION: Junior/Adult Mini Medal where the top 15 point accumulators in this class during the season will qualify to compete in the Medal Finals. ½ points will be awarded if there are less than 3 competitors in the class.
4. Jumper Classes: A minimum of 3 competitors must complete the course in a class for points to be awarded. EXECPTION: Modified Jumper where ½ points are awarded if less than three competitors complete the course.

DIVISIONS OFFERED AT ALL MHJA SHOWS:

1. BEGINNER ADULT HUNTER

A. *Fence Heights: 2'*

B. *Course*

1) *Simple in nature, no oxers, no IN & OUTS*

2) *Only vertical jumps allowed and no part of the top pole may exceed the maximum height*

C. *Eligibility:* Open to Adult riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Hunter class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. **Ribbons won in MHJA Junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** Riders do retain their Beginner status for the current show season. Riders having won in the Beginner Adult division do not lose their Novice, Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at MHJA, MHSA or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders

may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or higher. Jumping 2'6" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.

2. BEGINNER ADULT EQUITATION

A. *Fence Heights: 2'*

B. *Course*

1) *Simple in nature, no oxers, no IN & OUTS*

2) Only vertical jumps allowed and no part of the top pole may exceed the maximum height

C. *Eligibility:* Open to Adult riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Equitation class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. **Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect the rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect the rider's eligibility in equitation on the flat. Ribbons won in MHJA Junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** Riders do retain their Beginner status for the current show season. Riders having won in the Beginner Adult division do not lose their Novice, Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at MHJA, MHSA or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or higher. Jumping 2'6" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.

D. *Walk/Trot:* Optional class. No Annual Championship offered. Riders in this class are not eligible to ride in any classes over fences.

3. BEGINNER JUNIOR HUNTER

E. *Fence Heights: 2'*

F. *Course*

1) *Simple in nature, no oxers, no IN & OUTS*

2) Only vertical jumps allowed and no part of the top pole may exceed the maximum height

G. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Hunter class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. Riders do retain their Beginner status for the current show season. Riders having won in the Beginner Junior division do not lose their Novice, Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at MHJA, MHSA or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or

higher. Jumping 2'6" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.

4. BEGINNER JUNIOR EQUITATION

H. *Fence Heights: 2'*

I. *Course*

1) *Simple in nature, no oxers, no IN & OUTS*

2) Only vertical jumps allowed and no part of the top pole may exceed the maximum height

J. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Equitation class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. **Ribbons won in equitation on the flat DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation on the flat.** Riders do retain their Beginner status for the current show season. Riders having won in the Beginner Junior division do not lose their Novice, Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at MHJA, MHSA or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or higher. Jumping 2'6" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.

K. *Walk/Trot:* Optional class. No Annual Championship offered. Riders in this class are not eligible to ride in any classes over fences.

5. JUNIOR/ADULT MINI MEDAL

1. FENCE HEIGHT- 2'

2. COURSE:

No oxers. No In & Outs. Only vertical jumps allowed. No part of the top pole may exceed the maximum fence height. Courses to be simple in nature.

3. ELIGIBILITY: Open to Junior and Adult riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Equitation class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. **Ribbons won in equitation on the flat DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation on the flat.** Riders do retain their status for the current show season. Riders having won, do not lose their Novice, Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at the MHJA, MHSA, or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or higher. Jumping 2'6" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.

4. FINALS QUALIFIERS:

The top 15 point accumulators in this class during the season will qualify to compete in the Medal Finals.

5. LOCAL MEMBER SHOWS:

This class cannot be offered at a Local Member show

Regular Member Division Eligibility Requirements:
AMATEURS:

1. NOVICE RIDDEN ADULT HUNTER

A. *Fence Heights:* 2'6" to 2'9"

B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who have not won 3 blue ribbons in recognized MHJA and/or 15 points in USEF hunter classes. **Ribbons won in MHJA Junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** If a rider wins 15 USEF points or shows in any class requiring them to jump 3'3" or higher, they will be IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. The exception to this height rule is that riders are allowed to enter the Adult Amateur Hunter Division and Classic at USAE recognized shows. Novice Ridden Adults MAY NOT cross enter into the MHJA Open Adult Hunter division.

2. NOVICE ADULT EQUITATION

A. *Fence Heights:* 2'6"

B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who have not won 3 blue ribbons in equitation over fences classes at MHJA Regular Member shows OR have won 15 points in recognized USEF shows. **Ribbons won in MHJA Junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** Winning 15 USEF points makes a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. Riders showing in classes requiring them to jump 3'3" or higher are also IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. The exception being that riders are allowed to enter Adult Amateur Hunter and Classic at USEF recognized shows. Riders MAY NOT cross enter into Open Equitation divisions, but they MAY cross enter into Limit Equitation divisions. Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT effect a rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility on the flat.

3. ADULT HUNTER 18-35

A. *Fence Heights:* 2'6"

- B. *Eligibility:* Open to adult riders 18-35 years of age. Riders may cross enter into the Novice Adult Hunter (if qualified), OR the Limit Adult Hunter divisions at the same horse show. However, they cannot compete in BOTH Novice and Limit divisions at the same horse show. Riders may NOT cross enter into Open Adult Hunter or Open Adult Equitation divisions. They may NOT enter any classes requiring the rider to jump 3'3" or higher AT THE SAME HORSE SHOW.

4. ADULT HUNTER 36 & OVER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 2'6"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to adult riders 36 years of age and older. Riders may cross enter into the Novice Adult Hunter (if qualified), OR the Limit Adult Hunter divisions at the same horse show. However, they cannot compete in BOTH Novice and Limit divisions at the same horse show. Riders may NOT cross enter into Open Adult Hunter or Open Adult Equitation divisions. They may NOT enter any classes requiring the rider to jump 3'3" or higher AT THE SAME HORSE SHOW.

5. LIMIT ADULT HUNTER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 2'9" to 3'
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who have not shown in any classes that require the rider to jump 3'3" or higher AT THE SAME HORSE SHOW. Riders in this division MAY NOT cross enter into the Open Adult divisions AT THE SAME HORSE SHOW.

6. LIMIT ADULT EQUITATION

- A. *Fence Heights:* 2'9"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who have not won 6 blue ribbons in equitation classes over fences at MHJA Regular Member and/or USEF shows. Ribbons won in MHJA Junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility. Ribbons won in MHJA Junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility. EXCEPTIONS: Ribbons won in divisions not exceeding 2'6" DO NOT affect an adult rider's eligibility in Limit Adult Equitation. An adult rider may request in writing, that the MHJA Voting Membership review his/her status to determine eligibility to compete in this division. If a rider competes in a class requiring them to jump 3'6" or higher, they will be IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. Winning the Limit Medal Ride-Off class does not eliminate a rider from this division unless it becomes the rider's 6th blue ribbon. Riders MAY cross enter into the Open Equitation divisions. Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in the equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation on the flat classes.

7. LIMIT ADULT MEDAL

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'9"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who are current MHJA members "in good standing" and fulfill the same eligibility requirements as Limit Adult Equitation. Riders MAY cross enter into the Open Adult Medal. Winning one blue OR two red ribbons qualifies the rider for the annual Medal Ride-Off. However, winning one blue ribbon makes the rider ineligible to compete in Limit Adult Medal classes for the rest of the show season. Ribbons won in medal classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation classes. A rider who wins this Medal Ride-Off class two times is ineligible to continue competing at this Medal level. There may be only one rider per horse. For the Medal to count, four riders must complete the course.

8. OPEN ADULT HUNTER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 3' to 3'3"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY. These riders MAY NOT cross enter into the Limit Adult Hunter division AT THE SAME HORSE SHOW.

9. OPEN ADULT EQUITATION

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3'
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY.

10. OPEN ADULT MEDAL

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who are current MHJA members "in good standing". Winning one blue OR two red ribbons qualifies the rider for the annual Medal Ride-Off. However, winning one blue ribbon makes the rider ineligible to compete in Open Adult Medal classes for the rest of the show season. Ribbons won in Medal classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation classes. There may be only one rider per horse. For the Medal class to count, four riders must complete the course.

11. LOW ADULT EQUITATION

- A. *Fence Heights:* to be 2'6" No Tests
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to adult riders who have not shown in classes that require the rider to jump 3'3" or higher at the same show. Riders may NOT cross enter into Open Adult Equitation or Open Adult Hunter at the same show.

12. LOW ADULT MEDAL

- A. *Fence Heights:* to be 2'6"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to adult riders who are current MHJA members "in good standing" who have not shown in classes that require the rider to jump 3'3" or higher at the same show. Riders may NOT cross enter into Open Adult Equitation, Open Adult Medal, or Open Adult Hunter at the

same show. Winning one blue OR two red ribbons qualifies the rider for the annual Medal Ride-Off. However, winning one blue ribbon makes the rider ineligible to compete in Low Adult Medal for the rest of the season. Ribbons won in Medal classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation classes. There may only be one rider per horse. For the Medal class to count, four riders must complete the course.

Regular Member Division Eligibility Requirements: **JUNIORS:**

1. CHILDREN'S HUNTER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 2'9 to 3'
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who have not shown in classes that required the rider to jump 3'6" or higher. Riders jumping 3'6" or higher are IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. Riders in this division MAY cross enter into the Junior Hunter division during the show season. However, this cross entering will make the rider ineligible to compete in the Children's Hunter division for the following show season.

2. NOVICE RIDDEN JUNIOR HUNTER

- a. *Fence Heights:* 2'6" to 2'9"
- b. *Eligibility:* Open to junior riders ONLY, who have not won 3 blue ribbons over fences in hunter classes at Regular Member shows OR have won 15 points in recognized hunter classes at USEF shows. Winning 15 USEF points makes a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. Riders MAY NOT cross into the Junior Hunter division. Riders who have shown in classes requiring them to jump 3'3" or higher are IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. The one exception to this height rule is that riders may cross enter into the Children's Hunter Division and Classic at USEF recognized shows.

3. NOVICE JUNIOR EQUITATION

- A. *Fence Heights:* 2'6" to 2'9"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who have not won 3 blue ribbons in equitation classes over fences at Regular Member shows OR have won 15 points in recognized equitation classes at USEF shows. Winning 15 USEF points makes a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. Riders who have shown in classes requiring them to jump 3'3" or higher are IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. The one exception to this height rule is that riders MAY enter the Children's Hunter Division and Classic at USEF shows. Riders MAY enter the Limit Equitation division and the Young

Riders' Medal. Riders MAY NOT cross enter into the Open Equitation division. Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in the equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation on the flat classes.

4. LIMIT JUNIOR EQUITATION

A. *Fence Heights:* 2'9" to 3'

B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who have not won six blue ribbons in equitation classes over fences at Regular Member shows and USEF shows. Winning the Limit Medal Ride-Off class does not eliminate a rider from competition in the Limit Equitation division, unless it is the rider's sixth blue ribbon. A rider who has competed in classes which require the rider to jump 3'6" or higher will be IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. Riders MAY cross enter into the Open Equitation division. Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in the equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation on the flat classes.

5. LIMIT JUNIOR MEDAL

A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3'

B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who are current MHJA members "in good standing" and fulfill the same eligibility requirements of the Limit Junior Equitation division. Riders MAY cross enter into the Open Junior Medal. Ribbons won in Medal classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation classes. Riders winning one blue or two red ribbons qualify for the annual Medal Ride-Off. Riders winning one blue ribbon are ineligible to compete in Medal classes for the rest of the show season. A rider who wins this Medal Ride-Off two times is ineligible to continue competing at this Medal level. There may only be one rider per horse. For the Medal class to count, four riders must complete the course.

6. JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER (14 & UNDER)

A. *Fence Heights:* 3' to 3'3"

B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who are 14 years old and younger. Ponies may compete in this division if there are no Pony Hunter classes offered at the same show.

7. OPEN JUNIOR EQUITATION (14 & UNDER)

A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3'

- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who are 14 years of age and younger.

8. YOUNG RIDERS MEDAL

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'9"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who are 14 years of age or younger. Riders may compete on ponies but the course will not be adjusted. Ribbons won in Medal classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation classes. A rider who wins one blue or two red ribbons is eligible to compete in the annual Medal Ride-Off. Riders who win one blue ribbon are ineligible to compete in this Medal for the rest of the show season. There may only be one rider per horse. For the Medal class to count, four riders must complete the course.

9. JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER (15 – 17)

- A. *Fence Heights:* 3' to 3'3"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who are 15 to 17 years old. Ponies may compete in this division if there are no Pony Hunter classes offered at the same show.

10. OPEN JUNIOR EQUITATION (15 – 17)

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3'3"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who are 15 to 17 years of age and are current MHJA members "in good standing".

11. OPEN JUNIOR MEDAL

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3'3"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who are current MHJA members "in good standing". Ribbons won in Medal classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation classes. Riders winning one blue or two red ribbons qualify to compete in the annual Medal Ride-Off. Riders who win one blue ribbon are ineligible to compete in this medal for the rest of the show season. Riders who win the Medal Ride-Off two times are no longer eligible to compete for this Medal. There may only be one rider per horse. For the Medal class to count, four riders must complete the course.

Regular Member Eligibility Requirements: **HUNTER DIVISIONS**

1. NON-PROFESSIONAL HUNTER

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3'
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior and Amateur riders ONLY.

2. BABY GREEN HUNTER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 2'6" to 2'9"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to horses in their first year of showing over fences. Horses may compete in Baby Green Hunter and Very Green Hunter divisions during the same year.

3. GREEN WORKING HUNTER (FIRST YEAR)

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3'
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to ALL riders whose horse is of any age in its first year of showing over fences of any height. Horses may show in classes which the fence height specifications do not exceed 2'9" for one show year and still be eligible to compete in the first year green division the following show year. Horses may compete in under saddle classes and equitation on the flat classes without affecting their Green status.

4. GREEN WORKING HUNTER (SECOND YEAR)

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3'3"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to ALL riders whose horse is of any age in its second year of showing over fences of any height.

5. REGULAR WORKING HUNTER

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 3'6"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to ALL riders whose horse is of any age regardless of their showing experience.

Regular Member Division Requirements: **JUMPER DIVISIONS:**

1. LOW CHILDREN'S – ADULT JUMPER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 2'9" – 3' and up to 3'6" in spread
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior and Amateur riders ONLY. Riders MAY NOT enter into High Children's – Adult Jumper or Modified Jumper at the same show. However, riders may cross-enter both Low and High Children's-Adult divisions on a different horse. Riders in this division

MAY NOT cross-enter into the Modified Jumper division on any horse.

2. HIGH CHILDREN'S – ADULT JUMPER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 3'3" - 3'6" and 3'9" – 4' in spread
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior and Amateur riders ONLY. Riders MAY NOT cross enter into Low Children's – Adult Jumper at the same show on the same horse.

3. SCHOOLING JUMPER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 3'3" – 3'6" and 3'3" – 4' in spread
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to ALL horses and riders.

6. MODIFIED JUMPER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 3'9" – 4' and 3'9" – 4'6" in spread
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to ALL horses and riders.

7. LOW SCHOOLING JUMPER

- A. *Fence Heights:* 2'9"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to all horses and riders.